240 Speaking Topics



with Sample Answers

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Five Things to Think about

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1. Did you answer the question?

-Start by restating the question and answer it.

2. Was your answer logical?

-A structure of an introduction, body, and conclusion is good. Present an argument and two or three supporting ideas. Also provide specific examples. Do not deviate from the topic.

3. Were you fluent?

-You do not need to use difficult words or expressions frequently to receive a high score. Instead, speak without unnecessary pauses and halts.

4. Was your speech accurate?

-Your speech needs to be accurate in terms of grammar, vocabulary use, and pronunciation. Also speak loudly and clearly.

5. Did you speak for more than 35~40 seconds?

-Try to say at least ten sentences. Organize your answer using the simple formula given on the next page.

Independent Task: 45 Seconds

- Sentence 1: restate the question and answer the question.
- Sentence 2: Supporting Idea 1
- Sentence 3-5: Supporting Idea 1 Detail & Example
- Sentence 6: Supporting Idea 2
- Sentence 7-9: Supporting Idea 2, Detail & Example
- Sentence 10: Rephrase & Summarize.

If You Have No Idea What to Say...

1. Write what you would want to say.
2. Ask your English Teacher to correct it for you.
3. Revise what you wrote.
4. Memo what you wrote.
5. Practice speaking only with your memo.

6. Record your speech.

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Sample Question & Answers

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Q1. What is an event you remember well, such as an anniversary or birthday? Explain why using details and examples.

The event that I remember well is my 15th birthday. On that day, all my close friends came to celebrate it. My best friends including James, David, Nina, and Rocko came, and we had a great time together having food and playing games. Another reason I remember well is that I received many expensive gifts. My friends bought me a game DVD, my brother bought me a new electronic dictionary, and my parents got me a new bicycle. My 15th birthday was great. I received the things that I always wanted and my best friends and I had a great time.

Q2. Describe the country you would most like to visit and explain why. Include details and examples to support your explanation.

I want to go to France for two reasons. First, France is known for art. France has many famous painters' works in the museums and galleries. Monet, Da Vinci, Degas and Picasso are only few of them. Secondly, France has many good food. I especially enjoy French meals and desserts such as chocolates and cakes. They are very delicious. As France has many places to visit and great food to eat, it would be the country I would most like to visit.

Q3. What is the most important holiday in your country? Why do you think it is so important? Include details and examples to support your explanation.

The New Year's Day is the most important holiday in my country. There are two reasons for this. The New Year's Day is the first traditional holiday of the year, and people gather with their family members and relatives. They visit their ancestral tombs, share food, and play traditional games such as Yutnori together. Another reason is that on this day, people make new resolutions. Some vow to quit smoking, when some decide to pass the college entrance exam. As people spend this day with close ones and think seriously about their future, the New Year's Day is the most important holiday in my country.

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Q121. Which season – winter, spring, summer, or fall – is your favorite?

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A. Sample Answer

My favorite season is winter because of two reasons. First, Christmas is in winter and I always love getting presents from my family. Usually, on Christmas, I get toys from my sister and chocolate from my mother. We always have a great time together on Christmas. Second, I love to play in the snow. When I was younger, I made a snow angel or a snowman every year on the first day it snowed. I still do it today. In winter, I also get to see my little brother throw a snowball at my dad. It's very funny. Since it is a great season to spend with my family, I think winter is my favorite season.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) one’s favorite

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(2) love ... ing (cf. love to + verb)

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(3) have a good time ~ing

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(4) a wonderful place to visit

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) At Christmas, we get together and sing Christmas carol.

(2) We had a great time to play hide and seek in the woods.

(3) On the first day it snowed last year, we made snowballs and threw them for each other.

(4) I still remember to play in the snow with my sisters when I was very young.

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Q122. If you could plan the perfect day to spend with your close friends, where would you go and why?

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A. Sample Answer

If I could plan the perfect day to spend with my friends, I would go to Paris. Paris is a great city, filled with a lot of opportunities. First, we could go shopping in the Galeries Lafayette. We could buy lots of expensive perfumes, sweaters, scarves, and jeans. We could spend hours getting lost in the wonderful department store. Also, we could eat some of the fanciest food in the world. I've always wanted to eat a baguette near the Eiffel Tower with my friends and if we were in Paris, I would love the opportunity to do so. We could even eat the baguette with some chocolate hazelnut spread. Because we could have a lot of fun, the perfect day with my friends would be in Paris.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) be filled with (=be full of)

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(2) with something + pp

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(3) If I were a ...., I could ....

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(4) spend time ... ing

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) She is able of speaking Chinese fluently.

(2) My sister is capable to speak four languages.

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(3) What is the matter at you?

(4) We have to do everything to protect an atmosphere.

Q123. What is the most frightening experience you have ever had in your life?

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A. Sample Answer

The most frightening experience I've ever had was when I went to the dentist's office for the second time. I was six years old and I was so scared, I cried for hours. It was scary for two reasons. First of all, the dentist caused me a lot of pain on my first trip. On my first visit, they put lots of instruments in my mouth, which caused my mouth some distress. I hated the feeling of the latex gloves in my mouth; it just tasted gross. Also, we had to wait a long time in the office, so it made me all the more anxious, especially because the secretary wasn't nice. All in all, my second trip to the dentist wasn't that painful, but I will always remember how terrified I was of my visit.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) be afraid of + N

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(2) be afraid to + V

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(3) shiver (tremble) with fear

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(4) be applauded by

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) The dentist caused me a lot of pain at my first visit to his office.

(2) The medical tools in the office made me all more nervous.

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(3) I remember to visit the dental office when I was seven years old.

(4) You will end up in a trouble if you are not careful.

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Q124. Should a country's government tell its citizens how many children they can have?

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A. Sample Answer

I think governments should tell their citizens how many children to have. To begin with, there are too many people on the Earth. The Earth now has over seven billion people and we simply do not have enough natural resources to feed, clothe, and raise more people. If we continue to have more and more children, a lot of people will starve to death. In addition, if a government sets up this policy, then we can live more comfortably. We will be able to live in larger homes instead of cramped apartments in the cities. For these reasons, I think that governments, like China, should do almost everything they can to limit the number of children people have.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) protect A from B

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(2) replace A with B

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(3) take a long time to + V

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(4) manage to + V

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) You as well as I am to blame.

(2) Nobody has the authority to impose his moral views at other people.

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(3) All humans have the right to do anything they like as much as they don't break the law.

(4) Please hurry up, and we will be late.

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Q125. Would you rather earn a lot of money working in a job that you don't like or earn less money doing something you enjoy.

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A. Sample Answer

I would prefer to work in a job that pays me more money though I don't like it. I have two reasons to support my idea. First, nobody really likes their job. Even though many people say they really enjoy the job, a job means that it's something you have to do out of duty. And I hate it when people tell me to do something. Second, I want to earn a lot of money because I want to own a big, beautiful mansion. If I get my mansion with a swimming pool and all, I would be the happiest person in the world. For these reasons, I would take the job that I don't like, but pays well.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) be satisfied with

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(2) have a life worth living

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(3) live a fast life

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(4) one's view of life

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) He made every effort with no avail.

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(2) It depends on one's view on life whether he is happy or not.

(3) He has a cheerful outlook for life.

(4) The happiest person is satisfied for both his job and income.

Q126. Should students work while they study?

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A. Sample Answer

I don't think students should work while they study. If students work while they study, it will take up a bunch of time. Studying is considered an occupation, and I think that if more people treated school like a regular job with a 40-hour work week, students would learn more and be more productive. Adding work into the mix would just stress students out and make them do badly in school. Also, most jobs for students are really bad, like being a janitor or a store clerk. I don't think those jobs are appealing and most don't make that much money anyway. For these two reasons, I don't think students should work while they study.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) lie in (reside in)

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(2) live (lead) a life

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(3) feel regret

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(4) turn out

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) I think students should not work while they study

(2) My father told me that he was unable studying hard because he had to work to support the family.

(3) He didn’t allow me working part time at a gas station.

(4) He thinks his work deprives him from his liberty.

Q127. Which do you think is better for the environment: to build fewer factories or to create more wildlife preservation areas?

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A. Sample Answer

I believe we should build fewer factories rather than create more wildlife preservation areas. We have a fundamental problem with pollution and it is because we create too many things we don't need. Creating wildlife preservation areas will not solve the problem. If we build fewer factories, we will at least slow the gradual degradation of the ozone layer and our natural world. In addition, factories produce a lot of air pollution, which reaches everywhere on Earth. Smog doesn't know land boundaries, and if we build wildlife preservation areas while building more factories, the animals will eventually die off anyway from a lack of oxygen. To conclude, I argue that we should build fewer factories.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) pose a great threat to

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(2) take a proper step to V

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(3) take a strong measure against

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(4) to stop reckless deforestation

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) Creating more wildlife preservation areas are not enough to improve the environment.

(2) Atmosphere is getting more and more polluted with the toxic fumes from the car

(3) Advacned countires hold meetings to discuss about the polluion problems regularly.

(4) The owner of the factory heavily fined for repeatedly emitting toxic marerials.

Q128. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is healthier for children to live in the countryside than in the city.

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A. Sample Answer

Parents should not scold their children in public. First off, scolding a child in public is very harmful to children. If a child gets scolded in public, it will damage his or her psyche. It is just too embarrassing for a child to withstand and if parents are too rough with a child, they can even embarrass themselves too. Secondly, a parent should always love his or her child. There is never a reason for a parent to yell or scream at a child, even if the child misbehaves. Instead, a parent should speak calmly and take control of the situation coolly. Children naturally follow their parents anyway, so parents don't have to do much to get their children to behave.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) scold one for

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(2) in private / in public

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(3) do one a favor

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(4) for nothing

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) Scolding a child in public is very harmful, even traumatic, on the child.

(2) A wise mother will wisely deal with her child in the public.

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(3) My big brother deals with electronic goods at his shop downtown.

(4) Jimmy seems to waste a lot times.

Q129. Should students consult their parents about their majors and careers?

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A. Sample Answer

I think students should consult their parents about their majors and careers. To start with, parents are very knowledgeable about life. They have lived a lot longer than us and have more experience. If we as students consult them, we are sure to get expert advice about what to do, and we will definitely go in the right direction. Also, parents are great resources whom are very different. Some people prefer to consult just their friends, but our friends are just way too similar to us. We should get different perspectives about our majors and careers from different people, including our parents. For these reasons, I think students should consult their parents when deciding their majors and careers.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) major in

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(2) develop into

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(3) get advice from

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(4) be well versed in

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) My parents exchanged their views on my majors, only showed opposing opinions.

(2) More experienced people will surely provide us for valuable opinions

(3) My parents seriously discussed about my future major.

(4) Students are supposed to abide with the school regulations.

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Q130. In order to get healthy, should people exercise more or sleep more?

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A. Sample Answer

People need to sleep more in order to get healthy. Sleeping is important for two major reasons. First, sleeping rids the body of harmful toxins in the brain. When we go to sleep, the body starts to rid itself of poisons all over. If we don't go to sleep, our bodies will never be able to remove these dangerous chemicals. Also, sleeping helps recharge the body. When we go to sleep, we help conserve energy for our busy day. Sometimes, people go to work without having slept for long, but they always feel sluggish and tired and don't feel very good. Therefore, people should sleep more to be healthy.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) be in good health/ be in good shape

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(2) take a good sleep / get enough sleep

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(3) suffer lack of sleep

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(4) go to sleep

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) In order to get health, we should sleep well.

(2) The word ‘insomnia’ means sleeplessness, with its root from Latin.

(3) Sleeping helps the body to rid itself from toxic materials accumulated in it.

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(4) Some people who go to work without sleeping well are apt to fall sluggish in the office.

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Q131. If you could give a meaningful gift to a family member, what would it be?

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A. Sample Answer

If I could give a meaningful gift to a family member, I would give a camera to my sister. My sister loves photography. All she wants to do is take pictures and her old camera is outdated. She needs a better camera to help improve her skills and even though the camera would be expensive, it would be worth it. Also, we could make a lot of memories. My sister could take pictures when we go on vacation to Paris, London, or Hong Kong. Or, when we have a special occasion like a wedding, she could take special pictures. Because it could help her realize her dream of becoming a photographer, I would give my sister a camera as a meaningful gift.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) make up for

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(2) realize one's dream

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(3) outdated

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(4) say a prayer that~

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) A: Here is something to you.

B: Wow! That's exactly that I wanted, thanks a lot.

(2) All you have to do is studying hard.

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(3) The antic is worth of $1.000.

(4) His speech, though brief, was worthy praise.

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Q132. Explain your learning style: visual, auditory, kinesthetic, etc.

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A. Sample Answer

For me, I find that I learn the most when I see something. When I see something, I can almost always remember it. That's why it really helps me when the teacher uses the board. I often don't take notes, but it's not because I'm not a good student; it's simply because I don't need to. I just have a very good written memory. For example, my teacher wrote very complex math problems on the board and even though I didn't take notes, I got a 100% on my exam. Sometimes, I'll even take notes for myself, read them, and then throw them out. I'm just a great visual learner and that's the way my brain works.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) the way one does something

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(2) That's why ......

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(3) take notes

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(4) jot down

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) Different people have different idea.

(2) A: Welcome to home, honey. I 've prepared your favorite dish for dinner.

B: That's why I thank you all the time.

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(3) During the classes, Jenny takes note meticulously and never shows them to others.

(4) I like the way you smile.

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Q133. What do you think are some of the causes and what are some of the solutions to the problem of obesity in today's society?

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A. Sample Answer

There are two main causes two obesity today: the widespread availability of fast food and an increased sedentary lifestyle. Fast food is all around us. What with the hundreds of Burger Kings, McDonalds, and Taco Bells just in the area alone, people are consuming too many calories without much nutrition. It is just too cheap not to eat. Increasingly, people are not exercising enough as well. The number of jobs that don't require any physical labor is also reaching an all-time high. Jobs as secretaries are increasing while jobs as farmers are decreasing. To combat both of these problems, I think people should eat less junk food and exercise more.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) hard to resist

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(2) reduce / lose one's weight

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(3) put on (gain, pick up) weight

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(4) be on a diet

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) How much do you weight?

(2) Well-balanced diets are essential for you to stay you healthy

(3) More exercise is a better keeper of health than more sleeping.

(4) Regular medical checkups are also necessary to keep one in a good health.

Q134. Do you think that seeing violence in video games or movies cause people to behave violently?

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A. Sample Answer

I don't think seeing violence in video games or movies causes people to become violent themselves. People who behave violently often have emotional problems. Even though these kinds of people are more likely to consume violent media, that does not mean the media itself causes violent behavior. Correlation does not mean causation, after all. And secondly, some people play violent video games like Halo or Call of Duty simply to relieve stress. With all of the stresses of modern society, some teenagers just need to get away and blow off steam. These two reasons are why I don't think people become violent after watching violent movies or playing violent video games.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) cause A to V

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(2) be likely to V

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(3) need to

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(4) be influenced by

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) The boxer was strung up before the game.

(2) Some sensitive children tends to be easily influenced by violent video games.

(3) The two countries are still in a tense relation.

(4) Most of people in the town are not safe from violent gangsters.

Q135. Should children be allowed to eat only the foods they want?

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A. Sample Answer

I think children should be allowed to only eat food they want to eat. First, children are known for making good food choices. Every little kid I know around me would prefer to eat fruits and vegetables over chocolate and candy. In my experience, children really like to eat spinach, cabbage, and carrots, and they naturally gravitate towards these at the supermarket. Also, kids are not picky; they just have certain foods they don't like, and parents should not force them to eat foods they don't like. Even parents have certain foods they don't like. For example, my mom doesn't like pineapple. I would never force her to eat pineapple, and she shouldn't force anyone else to eat it either.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) be allowed to

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(2) be known for/be famous for

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(3) force (enforce/urge) one to V

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(4) be picky about

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) He is too fastidious. He is really hard to be pleased.

(2) We had a lot of trouble to solve the problem.

(3) The members had a lot of difficulties to draw a conclusion.

(4) The campers had a wonderful time together to dance and sing.

Q136. Should children be given the freedom to dress anyway they want?

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A. Sample Answer

Children should be allowed to dress anyway they want. Children need to feel creative, and one way parents can encourage their children to experiment and do different things is to let them dress themselves. One of my little cousins mixed bright colors like orange, pink, and green for two months, and she looked fantastic. Children also need to feel secure with their fashion choices too. If parents criticize their fashion choices, they will have low self-esteem and then they might feel very sad whenever somebody makes fun of them. I think letting children dress themselves is an important part of a child's development.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) be permitted to/be allowed to

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(2) look fantastic (beautiful, gorgeous)

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(3) feel secure with

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(4) in vogue (in fashion)

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) My brother often makes fun at me for my exotic fashion choice.

(2) He was jeered by his friends for his foolish behavior.

(3) We should be open-minded towards other people’s tastes of fashion.

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(4) An old saying went, “So many people so many minds.”

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Q137. Would you save your money at a bank or at your home? Why?

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A. Sample Answer

I prefer to save money at home rather than in a bank. If we save our money at a bank, we won't have easy access to our money. Saving our money at a bank means that we might have to travel far away in order to withdraw money. However, by keeping our money at home, we can always access our money conveniently, which is much better than a bank far away. In addition, I have a lot of money. I don't think I can trust other people with my money, especially a bank. They might just try to steal from me. Therefore, I think it is better to save money at home rather than in a bank.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) deposit money at a place /deposit money with a person

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(2) have easy access to

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(3) withdraw money from

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(4) prefer to V

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) Saving money with a bank is safer than keeping it at home.

(2) A man robbed money from the bank.

(3) In fall, the trees are stripped with their leaves.

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(4) The high-ranking offical was deprived from his position.

Q138. If you could choose your own study hour, how many hours would you study?

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A. Sample Answer

I would choose to study two hours a day in addition to school. I have two reasons why. My first reason is that I only really need to study for chemistry and math. I'm really terrible at those subjects, so if I just spend a little bit of time everyday studying those two subjects, I can improve my grade significantly. My second reason is that I'm really busy. I have a part-time job at my local coffee shop and I have numerous extracurricular activities, including a soccer team and a volunteer club. I also have to help out around the house, so I just don't have that much time to waste. For these reasons, if I could choose my own study hours, I would only study for two hours a day.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) in addition to

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(2) choose to

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(3) spend time …ing

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(4) have no time to waste

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) I take a piano lesson every other days

(2) I like to help Mom for chores around the house

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(3) Most children in Korea are so busy to attend many private classes after school

(4) My brother is so busy now with doing his homework

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Q139. Do you think it's important for children to learn how to swim at an early age?

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A. Sample Answer

I don't think it's important for children to learn to swim when they're young. First, we don't really need to know how to swim. One of my friends, Molly, does not know how to swim and she never needed to learn. She always lived in the city, where there wasn't a lot of water or swimming pools available. Swimming just never interested her. Second, it's not hard to learn how to swim. One of my friends learned how to swim in college. She took a class and it only took her a couple of tries before she was doing all kinds of moves in the water, like the backstroke. In conclusion, I don't think it's important for children to learn to swim at a young age.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) learn to V = learn how to V

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(2) available

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(3) A interests B = B is interested in A

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(4) important for somebody to V

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) While travelling through Europe, I was greatly interested for the buildings in Rome

(2) There're four swimming styles. I am especially good for backstroke

(3) I’m good at English, but rather poor in mathematic

(4) My sister is a good swimmer. I am envious in her

Q140. Should older children learn to cook so they can help prepare the family meals sometimes?

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A. Sample Answer

Older children should not learn to cook at all. To start with, there's no need to learn how to cook. Because there are so many restaurants, nobody needs to know how to cook nowadays. You can simply go to a restaurant anytime you are hungry and eat something. You can even order food over the phone or the Internet and have it delivered. Also, even older children might get hurt when cooking. Cooking can be dangerous; we can get burned from the stove or even cut ourselves with a knife. Then, we might end up in the hospital, and that would not be fun. Therefore, I don't think that older children should learn how to cook.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) get hurt

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(2) get burned

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(3) end up … ing

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(4) cook the books (=flasify books=cook accounts)

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) Have you heard the old saying, “Too many cookers spoil the broth” ?

(2) I don’t like too spicy food. It’s pungent taste burns my tongue.

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(3) The ceremony was participating with many dignitaries.

(4) He came up on a new recipe. His food sells like hot cakes.

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Q141. Which skill do you think is more important in foreign language learning?

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A. Sample Answer

The most important skill in foreign language learning is reading. Reading allows us to do many things on our own, so it can help us to be independent. For example, when I am at a restaurant, I can't have the waiter read off a menu to me; that would be rude. We just have to know how to read to do these kinds of simple tasks. However, we can always ask someone to write something down like directions to the zoo or instructions on how to do something. In addition, reading is usually easier. Sometimes it's hard to speak because the sounds are difficult to make. However, we shouldn't have any trouble writing things down. Because of these two reasons, I think reading is the most important skill when learning a foreign language.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) be fascinated with

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(2) have a good commend of

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(3) have trouble …ing

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(4) on one's own

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) Reading is most important foreign language skill

(2) It is rude having a stranger read the menu for you.

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(3) Leaning a foreign language is likened to travel to a strange land.

(4) Few student is absent today.

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Q142. Which is your favorite ethnic (Italian, Chinese, Korean, Mexican, French, etc.) food?

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A. Sample Answer

My favorite ethnic food is Thai food because of two reasons. To start off, my favorite dish is Thai curry. It is always really delicious and I love the many different flavors involved in making it like green onions, ginger, and coconut milk. It is creamy, yet spicy, and that's something I like. Plus, there are so many ways to make Thai curry; I never get bored of it. Also, Thai food is almost always easy to a vegetarian. I'm not a vegetarian, but I am trying not to eat meat as often as I once did. It's healthier that way, and Thai food can really help me to stay healthy. For these reasons, Thai food is my favorite ethnic food.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) one’s favorite ethnic food

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(2) run a cooking school

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(3) kitchen utensils

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(4) how to make kimchi

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) The health food prepared by his mother helped cure him from malnutrition.

(2) While we were cooking, the power was gone.

(3) I thought him as a good cook.

(4) I thought of him to be a great painter.

Q143. Laughter and joy are essential aspects for a healthy life. Why or why not?

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A. Sample Answer

I don't think laughter and joy are essential for a healthy life. First off, laughing can sometimes be inappropriate. For example, I went to a funeral with one of my friends. His mom had died just two months before and the funeral was for his dead sister. He started laughing uncontrollably, and that was not very good. People thought he was crazy. In addition, some people live very successful lives while having no sense of humor. Think about most college professors. They are very dedicated to their work, always eat healthy, and yet have no sense of humor. Therefore, I think that laughter and joy are not necessarily needed for life, though they do make things more interesting.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) meet the requirements

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(2) make both ends meet

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(3) be badly off

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(4) devote oneself to

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) My uncle has a sense of humor; His humor makes people around him to laugh happily.

(2) John played an important role in the meeting and was elected as the president of the club

(3) The meeting is scheduled on the next Sunday.

(4) All the regular members are required for attendance

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Q144. When you feel sad, what are some things you do to help yourself feel better?

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A. Sample Answer

When I feel sad, there are two things I do to help myself feel better. First, I always cry. Crying always helps me to get out my emotions. When I cry, I feel a huge burden being lifted and I no longer have to keep my emotions bottled up. Second, I make sure to talk to my mom. My mom always gives me the best hugs and she always makes me feel better. Sometimes, she will make me hot chocolate, and other times, she will give me the best advice in the world. Without my mom, I don't know what I would do. When I feel sad, I always cry and talk to my mom to make myself feel better.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) a load on one's mind

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(2) be relieved of

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(3) shoulder a burden

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(4) give one a hug (a kiss)

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) When I feel sad, I always turn around to my mom for comfort.

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(2) He lives up to his word without any fail.

(3) He has no body around him to talk freely.

(4) Crying often makes one relieved from worries.

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Q145. Do you think it's a good idea to loan money to friends?

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A. Sample Answer

I don't think it's a good idea to give loan to friends. To begin, most friends you loan money to are poor. If they were rich, they would never ask for money in the first place. Therefore, it's especially risky to loan money to friends because they might not be serious enough to pay you back. I also don't think that friends would spend the money wisely. Most teenagers nowadays spend too much money on clothes, food, and other things they don't need. They just rack up a lot of debt that their parents must pay off. For these reasons, I don't think that it' a good idea to loan money to friends.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) make sentences using 'lend' and 'borrow' respectively

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(2) take something seriously

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(3) be wise with

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(4) repay (a loan, one's kindness)

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) I don't think it is wise to borrow money to an unfaithful friend.

(2) If I were rich now, I could have bought a ferrari.

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(3) He lives on the 10th street.

(4) How long have you been away on the vacation?

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Q146. Is it important to have expensive but beautiful things such as fancy cars and designer label clothes?

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A. Sample Answer

It's not important to have expensive and beautiful things for two important reasons. First off, most expensive things are really not worth the price. I think that we have to be humble; for me, what's most important about a car is whether or not it functions correctly, not whether it looks beautiful or is expensive. Therefore, paying lots of money for a car is useless because cheaper cars exist. Also, more people will hate you if you have expensive things. Having designer label clothes makes you hated by a lot of people. I know once I wore a Prada scarf and people came up to me and called me a snob. Therefore, I don't think that we even should have these sorts of pricy items.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) be worth

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(2) call one a bad name

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(3) lack efficiency in one's work

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(4) look good in a dress/a dress looks good on somebody

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) The new dress is becoming with you.

(2) Your red necktie goes on your blue shirt.

(3) Her new dress is not worthy the price. I think she was overcharged.

(4) The tailor said to me, “Just try in this suit.”

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Q147. What is your favorite type of exercise?

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A. Sample Answer

My favorite type of exercise is playing soccer. I have two reasons to support my opinion. Firstly, I can play with many people I don't know. Since soccer is a team sport, I can play with my friends and learn good sportsmanship. Soccer is a great way for me to meet people, and it's how I met people when I first came to America. Secondly, playing soccer involves a good mixture of cardio. There is a lot of running, jumping, kicking, and other moves. These kinds of exercises help keep me slim and trim and can even help me get a six pack. For these reasons, my favorite exercise is playing soccer.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) one's favorite type of exercise

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(2) grow familiar with

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(3) get used to

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(4) used to + V

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) Soccer provides a great way to me to get together with many people.

(2) He was used to work out at a gym.

(3) Jogging is the one of the best ways to keep one in good shape.

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(4) Overworking is dangerous more than doing nothing.

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Q148. When you choose a friend, which quality is more important in that person: honesty or physical appearance?

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A. Sample Answer

Physical appearance is more important when choosing a friend. If we are not friends with pretty people, we will not be popular and therefore, we might jeopardize potential new friendships. For example, I was once friends with an ugly person, and then nobody wanted to be friends with me. Being popular is just too important. Also, if we have beautiful friends, then we can get free stuff. People give out free food, drinks, and toys to other people they think are pretty. If we have only beautiful friends, then we might get some of that free stuff too. For these reasons, I prefer to choose my friends based on how they look.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) be eligible for

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(2) be qualified to

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(3) be popular with

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(4) what's more (=in addition)

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) If I had studied harder, I could pass the test then.

(2) If Jack were here on our team, we could have beaten our opponents easily.

(3) The pilot was sick in the bed, but his heart was high in the air.

(4) Jessica is an object of envy among her friends. Everybody is envious for her.

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Q149. If there was a fire or some other type of disaster in your house, what would you take with you? Why?

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A. Sample Answer

If there were a disaster in my house, I would absolutely take my phone with me. If I take my phone with me, then I won't have to pay a lot of money to replace it when I make it out of my burning house. A phone costs a lot of money to replace and if I don't take it with me, then I might have to settle for a phone of lesser quality. Also, if I take my phone, it can help me get into contact with my family members. My family members are the most important people in my life and I want to make sure that they're all right. If they take their phones with them, then we will know they're OK and help comfort one another. For these reasons, I would take my phone with me if there were a disaster.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) get in touch with

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(2) keep in contact with

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(3) cost one a lot of money

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(4) make sure that + clause

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) Don’t forget to take your mom tomorrow, Mary. I have something to talk about with her.

(2) Please bring this book to the library.

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(3) The runner who came in the last received a hearty cheer from the spectators.

(4) The runner from Uganda came in the second.

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Q150. Who is your best friend? Why is he/she important to you?

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A. Sample Answer

My best friend is a girl I met in Korea named Christina. She is important to me for two reasons. Firstly, she and I love to do things together. We like to travel, eat meals, and work out together. We always do fun things with one another, practically every day. We just share so many of the same interests, including television shows. Every Sunday night, we even get together to make popcorn and watch Mad Men. We always have a fun time. In addition, Christina is someone I can really depend on. Whenever I get anxious about being in Korea or feel a little sad, Christina is always there to help cheer me up. Without her, I just would not know what to do. Because Christina is so dependable and so much fun, she is my best friend in Korea.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) a place named….

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(2) a movie titled…..

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(3) have many things in common

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(4) depend on

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) I'm going to the movie with my friends in the afternoon.

(2) Then we will enjoy wonderful dinner at an Italian restaurant.

(3) My parents are going out to a friend's place for supper. They'll stay there late at night.

(4) More people than ever are interested in study of Chinese.

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Q151. If you could be famous for something, what would you want to be famous for?

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A. Sample Answer

If I could be famous for anything, I would want to be famous for the discovery of life on other planets. The first reason for this is that it would allow me to gain recognition from the scientific community. if I discovered life on other planets, I could act as a fatherly figure to that life. I would have a special bond with the extraterrestrials and could ensure that they stay on my side. Being the father of a whole new species of people would make me extremely powerful. Maybe I could even colonize their planet and establish myself as the ruler. Then, I would not only be famous for discovering new life, but establishing the first government on a planet other than Earth as well. So, to conclude, I would love to be famous for discovering life on another planet.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) If I could…. , I would make…..

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(2) allow one to V

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(3) put up with (=to bear, to stand)

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(4) look upon A as B

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) I would not only be famous for creating a new space rocket, also but establish myself as a

great space traveler.

(2) She established herself for a great pianist in her early 20’s.

(3) Rome is famous for the ancient capital of the Roman Empire.

(4) San Francisco is well known as the Golden Gate Bridge.

Q152. Do you think teenagers should be allowed to drive?

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A. Sample Answer

I do think that teenagers should be allowed to drive for two very important reasons. First off, teenagers need to be able to drive to do important errands for their family. When I was a teenager, I always did things for my mom and dad. I drove my little siblings around after school to things like doctors' appointments and play dates. I also frequently drove to the grocery store because my mom would forget something important like butter or cheese for dinner. In general, teenagers should be able to drive so they can do things for other people. Additionally, teenagers need to be able to drive in order to get practice. Some of my friends didn't drive when they were teens. They are having a very difficult time now learning because they didn't learn when they were younger. Had their parents encouraged them to drive when they were, say, 16 or 17, they would have saved a lot of time and energy as adults. Accordingly, I think that teenagers should be allowed to drive.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) be able to V….

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(2) be capable of ….ing

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(3) so that …. can

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(4) Had it not been for, … would have pp. ….

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) Passed the test, my sister was issued a driver's license.

(2) Minors should not be allowed driving a car.

(3) Have it not been for you, I would have drowned.

(4) He had a difficult time to answer the questions.

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Q153. If you could meet one world leader, who would it be?

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A. Sample Answer

If I could meet one world leader, it would have to be Barack Obama. The first reason is that Barack Obama is basically the most powerful man in the world. Barack Obama is the President of the United States, which is one of the largest and most economically powerful nations on the globe. Meeting President Obama would open many doors for me, and allow me to get in contact with many other people, like important journalists and other celebrities. In addition, President Obama is one of the most inspiring people in American politics. He was raised by his grandparents in a middle class home and despite many obstacles, he became editor of the Harvard Law Review, which is one of the most prestigious law journals in the United States. He also became a great constitutional law professor and even taught at the University of Chicago. In summary, I want to meet President Obama because he is one of the most powerful and inspiring leaders in the world living today.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) get in touch with

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(2) the most prestigious/the most celebrated

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(3) in return for

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(4) be born and grow up in

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) He was born in a small village in Africa and grown up in Indonesia.

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(2) He was elected as the Predient of the country in his early forties.

(3) Who is the most influential figure in White House?

(4) He is well known as his good judgement.

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Q154. Which do you think is better, going to college right after high school or after taking a few years off?

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A. Sample Answer

I think it is better to go to college after taking a few years off for two reasons. First off, high school is very stressful. There are a lot of quizzes, tests, and homework that children have to do. The high school exit exams in particular are very nerve-wracking; you have to study for hours and hours on end, memorizing a lot of material. Kids just need a little break from studying in order to stay mentally stable. In addition, taking a few years off allows students to explore many different opportunities. One of my best friends did an internship in New York during his gap year. He was able to get a lot of experience and a lot of perspective on the world before going to college. One of my other friends did his military service before going to college; he was very happy about this because he made so many friends. Because students need a break to explore many of life's possibilities, I think students should take a few years off before starting college.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) take (days, months or years) off

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(2) are under (a) heavy burden(s) of

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(3) take a break from

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(4) do one’s military service

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C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) Students are forcing to do a lot of things.

(2) The internship at a company hepled me a lot finding my aptitude to my future job.

(3) Finished his military service, he returned to college.

(4) Everybody need a period of break from his routine work to recharge himself.

Q155. Which do you think is better - to live on campus or to rent an apartment off campus?

A. Sample Answer

For me, I would always choose to rent an apartment off campus rather than live on campus. The first reason why is very simple: it is cheaper. Living on campus is more expensive because you are usually located in a closer area to campus. This is expensive, especially because the college adds extra expenses you don't need like cable television. It's simply too much to afford, and by living on campus, we can save more money to have fun. Secondly, renting an apartment off campus means fewer rules. When we live on campus, we have to obey a curfew. If we break curfew and stay out past 11 o'clock, we will get reprimanded by the headmaster. However, by renting an apartment off campus, we can stay out as much as we want and meet lots of interesting characters on the street well past midnight. Because it is cheaper and less restrictive, I prefer to live in an apartment off campus.

B. Create new sentences using the expressions below.

(1) rent a room

(2) be economical / expensive

(3) obey a rule

(4) plead guilty

C. Find an error in each sentence.

(1) Nowadays things are changing for better.

(2) Children are trying to live up for their parents' expectations.

(3) Thanks for his brother's help, John could get a high mark on his mathematics test.

(4) Living off campus means that a student lives in a renting house or an apartment.

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